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Kandi Etiquette - Your Guide for Making and Trading

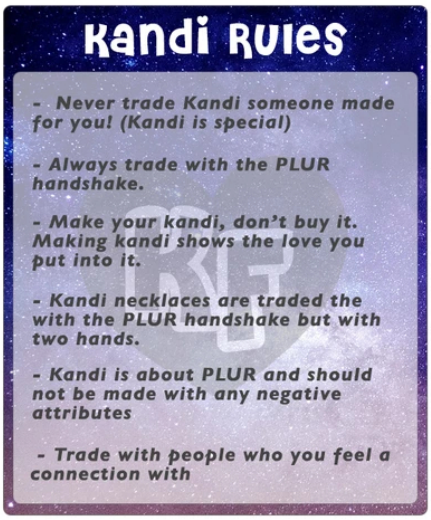
Are you new to Kandi? Maybe you aren't sure what kandi even is?

Well, this post is for you!

So what is kandi? Kandi bracelets are usually made with pony beads and various other beads & charms. Ravers make them for shows to give or trade to other ravers they meet and make friends with. Kandi is traded through a special handshake called the PLUR handshake. (PLUR stands for Peace, Love, Unity & Respect. People sometimes add another "R" which stands for Responsibility). This special handshake is a gesture of friendship as you trade or give the kandi to the other person.

If someone doesn't have any kandi to trade but you want to give them one, please still do! It can make someone's night receiving a kandi. Spread PLUR as much as you can!

The story of how the term PLUR came to be was credited to the New York techno DJ, Frankie Bones. On July 24, 1993, at a rave in the Bronx, a fight broke out and spilled onto the DJ decks Bones was playing on. He angrily grabbed the microphone and yelled, "You better start showing some peace, love and unity or I will break your fucking faces!" The story spread like wildfire through the early rave scene, as a humorous example of the early scene's growing pains, contradictions and ironies. (Bevacqua, 2017). This has ever been the values that have crossed into the culture and PLUR has not stopped being a staple to the rave / EDM scene. If you have ever been to a festival or underground rave you are for sure to see some kandi. It's actually bigger than ever today and still growing in the rave community.


Kandi Rules
- Never trade Kandi someone made for you! (Kandi is special)
- Always trade with the PLUR handshake.
- Make your kandi, don't buy it. Making kandi shows the love you put into it.
- Kandi necklaces are traded the with the PLUR handshake but with two hands.
- Kandi is about PLUR and should not be made with any negative attributes
- Trade with people who you feel a connection with

At the last event I attended, I approached a guy that was just kind of hanging out by himself and gave him kandi. He said "Wow thank you! What is this?" I explained to him what kandi was and his reaction was great and he smiled and said "I feel like I have been initiated into the scene. I love this so much". Overall, kandi beaded

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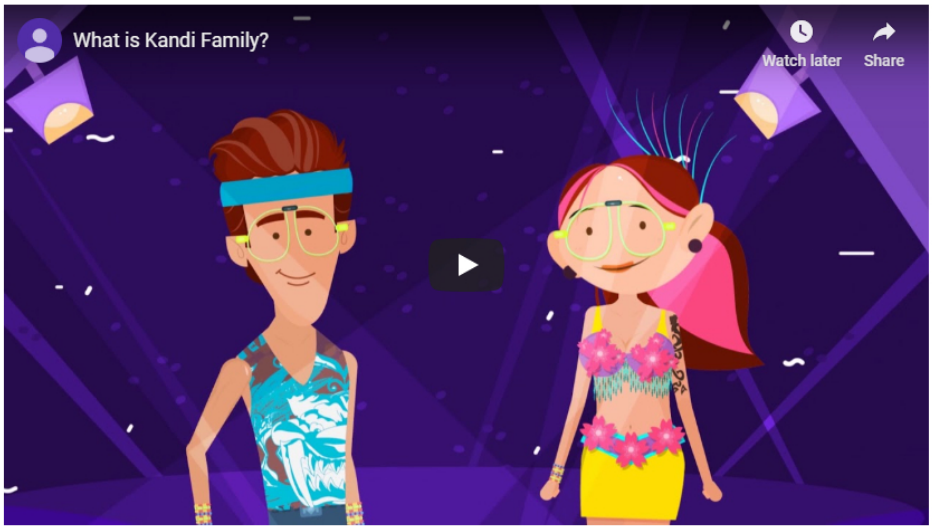
smiled and said "I feel like I have been initiated into the scene, I love this so much". Overall, Kandi beaded bracelets have become a staple of friendship to raving and the part of it's culture.

When you give kandi to someone, you are helping create a memory that will hopefully stay with the bracelet. This connection can be whatever you make it, whether it be friendship, or maybe you found a rave bae. (Don't be creepy though! Keep it PLUR!) Who would have thought a friendly act towards each other could create something so nostalgic. It's become so popular that companies like KandiFamily.com are helping people connect with each other in an online social network.



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